

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/17/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 31-45.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 1/7/02
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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1. Claims 31-45 have been amended for further examination. Claims 1-30 have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 31-45 are allowed.

3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: No prior art of record discloses or fairly suggest a magnetic clip marker for engaging and marking a book page including magnetic members; a pair of wall members of unequal length joined together at a throat to define an integral structure; wherein the wall members comprise a base portion to define the throat as a junction between the wall members; a cover member disposed along the interior surface to form a continuous layer extending from a first terminal end around the throat to a second terminal end; and including all of the other limitations from the independent claims.

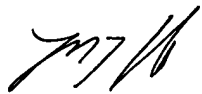
Berglof et al is the closest reference that is similar to applicant's invention. However, Berglof et al does not disclose a pair of wall members of unequal length, joined together at a throat to define an integral structure exhibiting a overlapped normal working position, the wall members further providing a continuous interior surface extending between the throat and terminal ends of the wall members, and wherein the wall members comprise a base portion adjacent the terminal ends and a clip portion overlapping the base portion to define the throat as a junction between the wall members.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Smith, and Farrington disclose similar clip markers.


Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark T. Henderson whose telephone number is (571) 272-4477, and informal fax number is (571) 273-4477. The examiner can be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00AM to 3:45PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner Supervisor, Boyer Ashley, can be reached at (571) 272-4502. The formal fax number for TC 3700 is (571) 273-8300.



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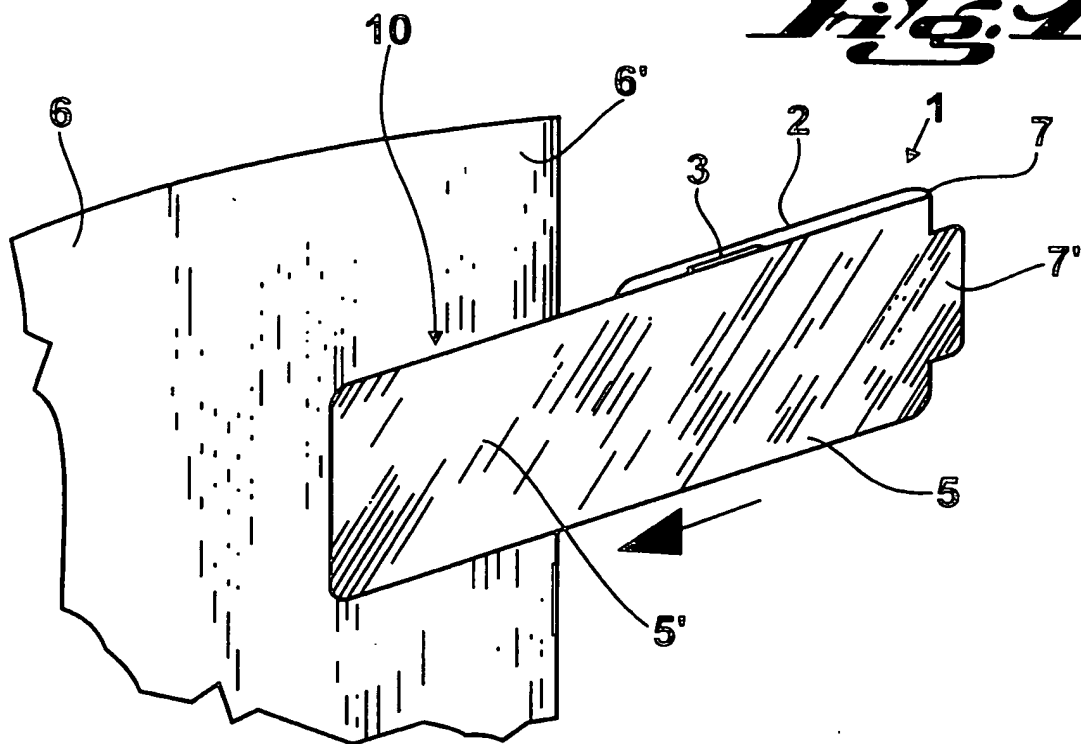
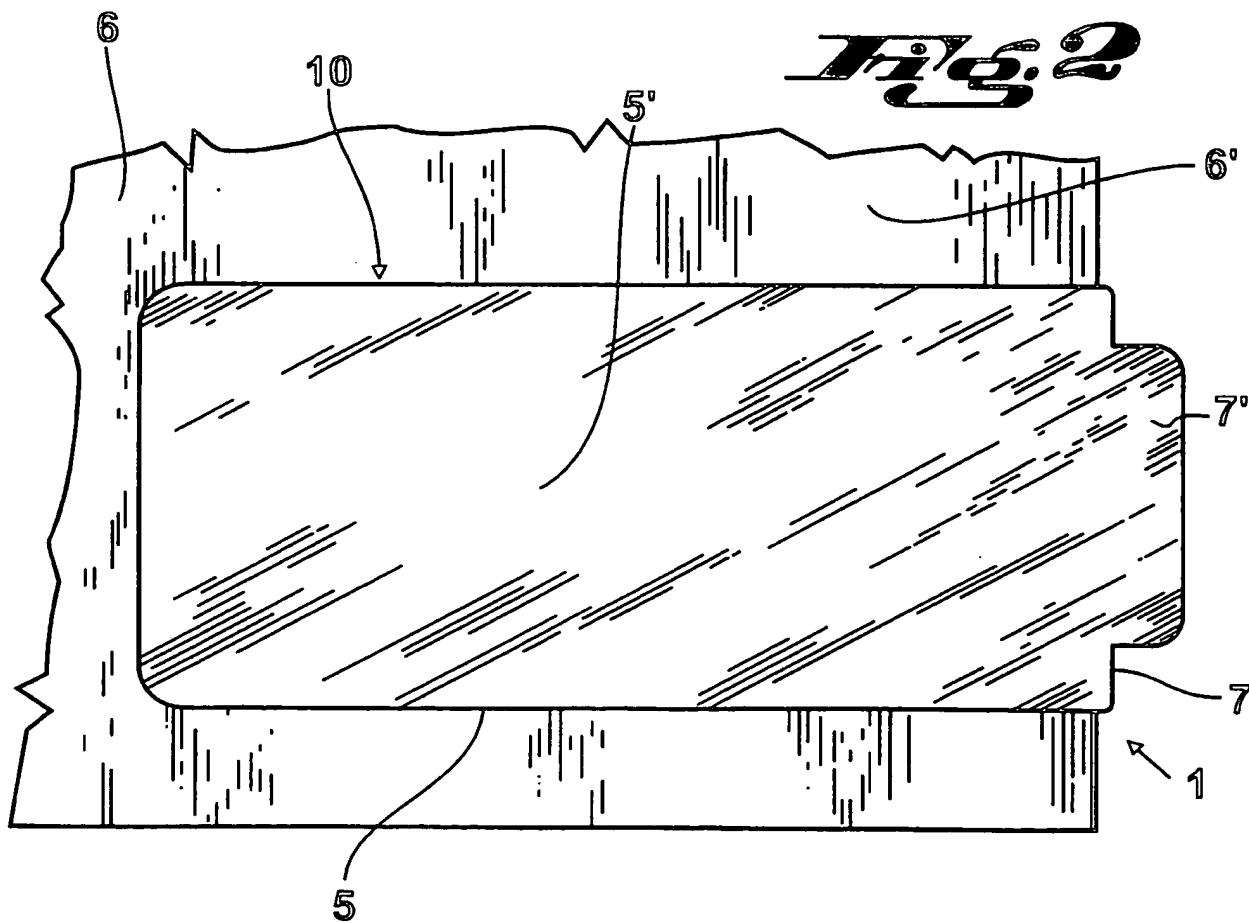
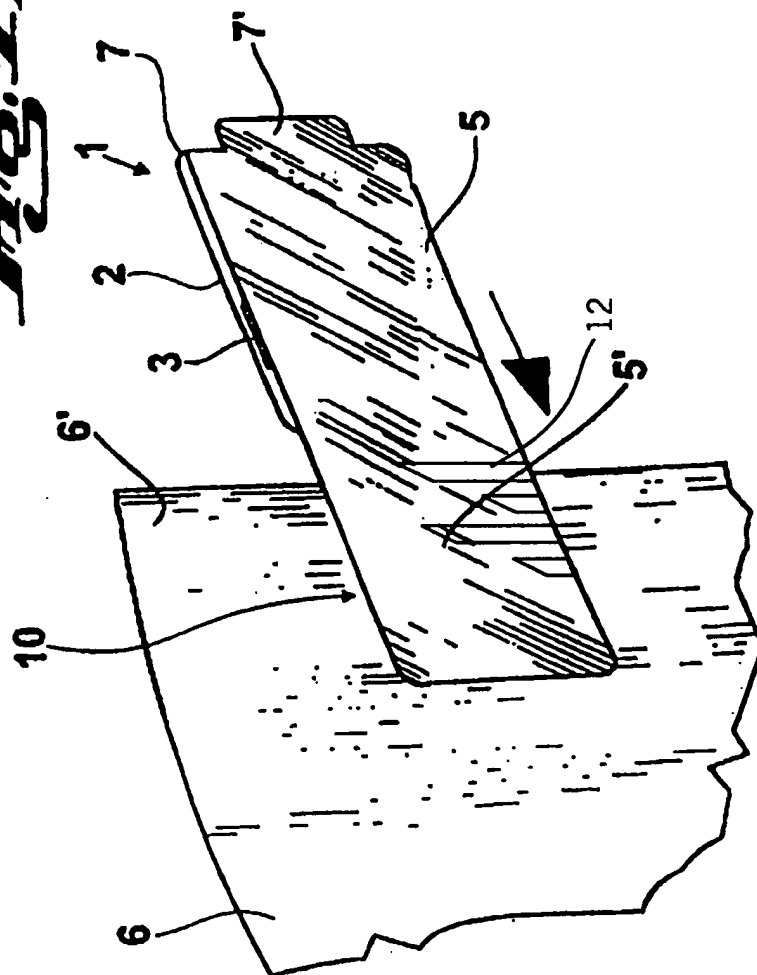


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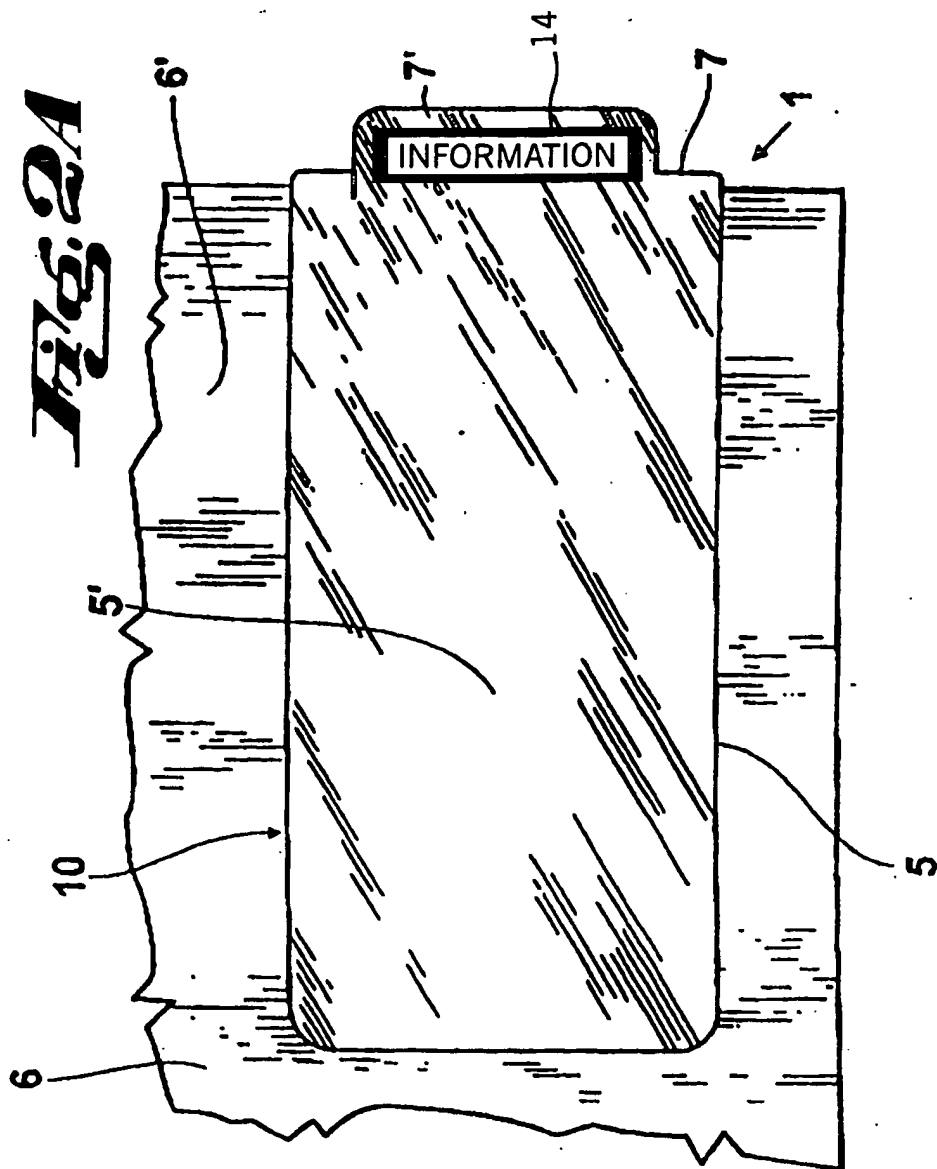


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FIG. 1A



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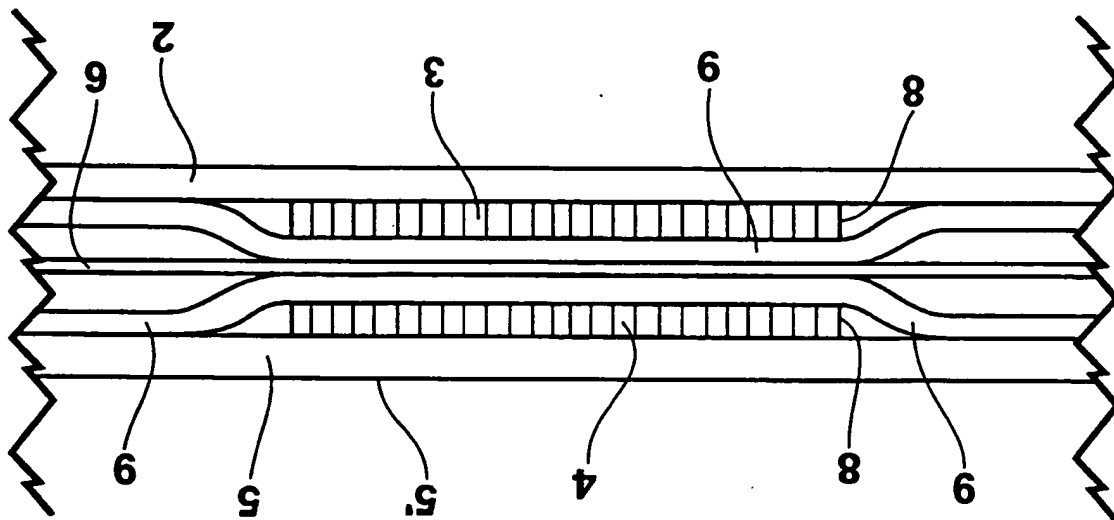


FIG 1

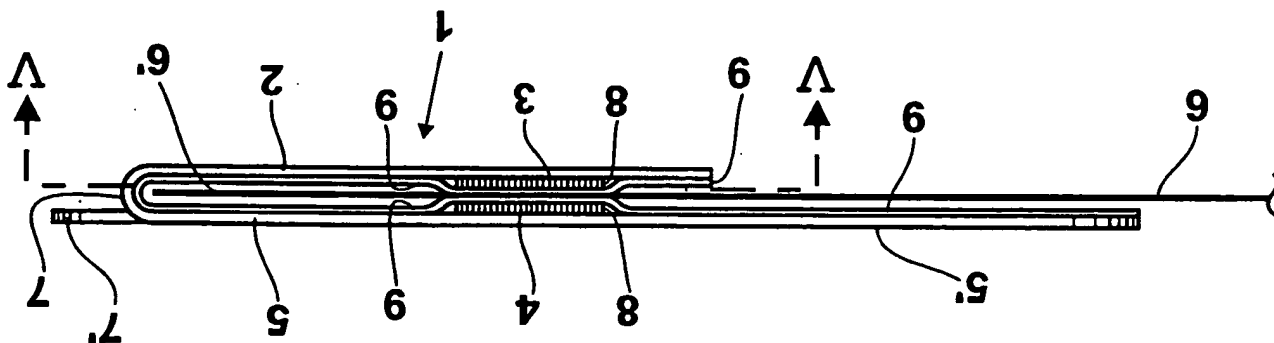
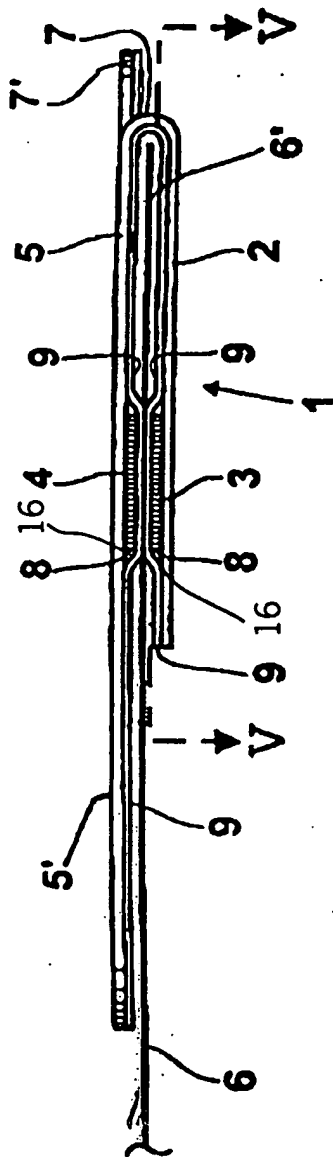


FIG 2

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Fig. 3B



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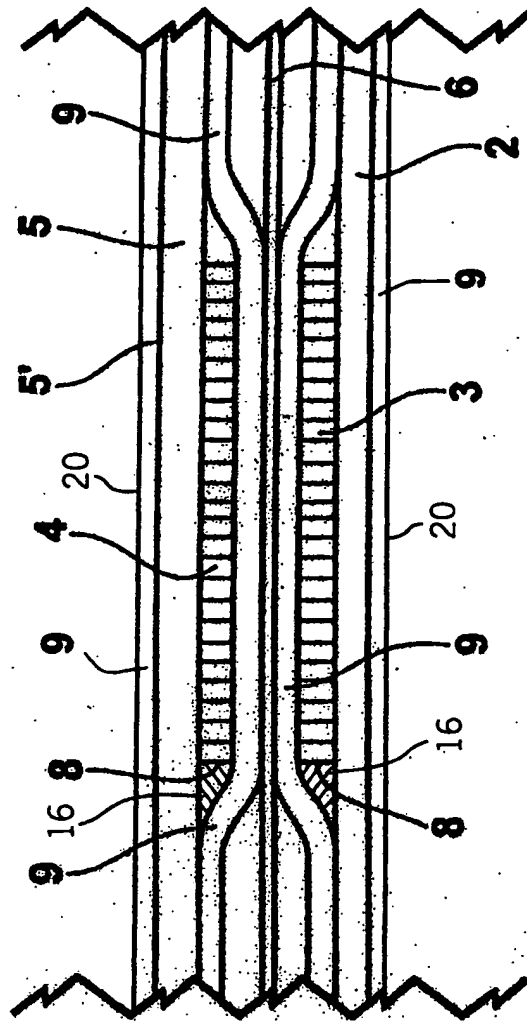


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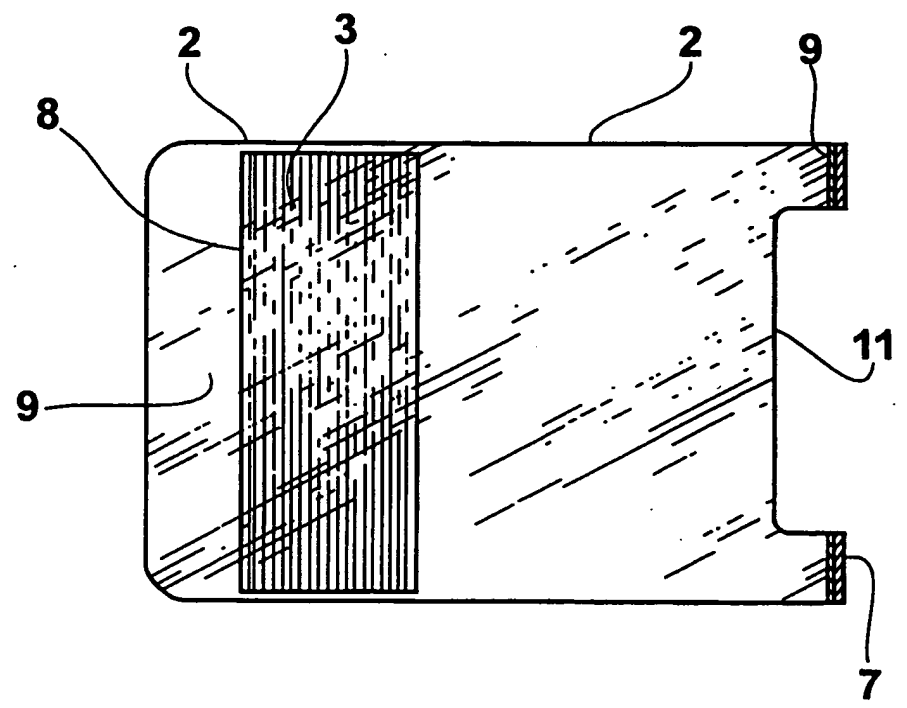
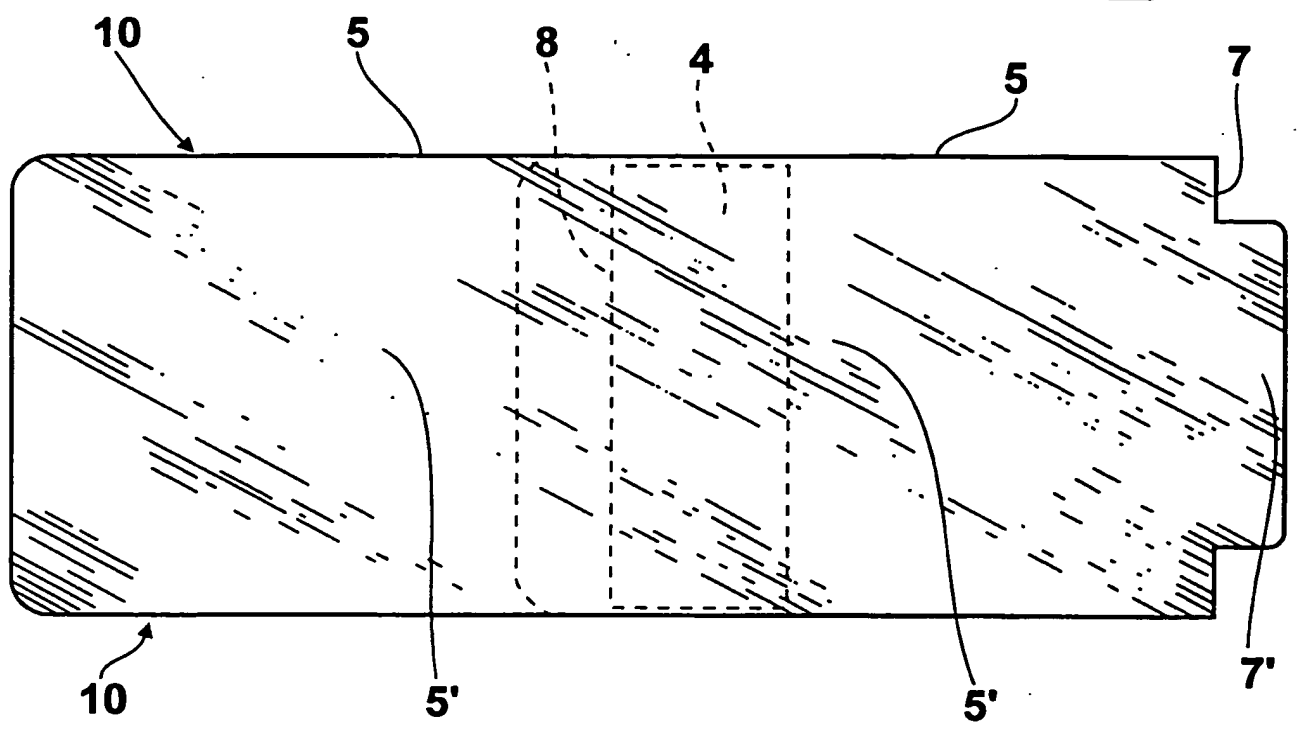


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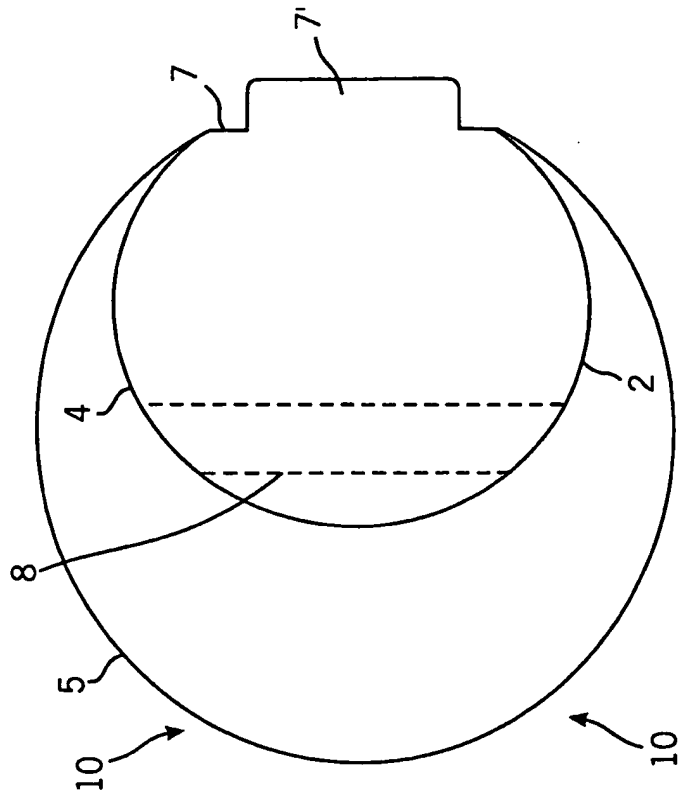


Fig. 2A

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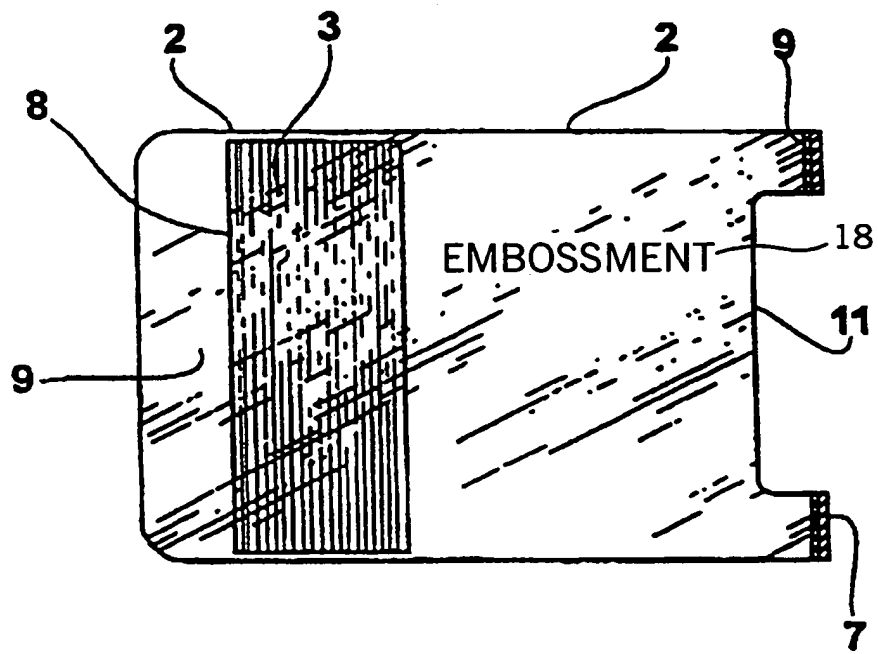


Fig. 5A